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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2009, the period of response being extended from January 16, 2010 to March 16, 2010.

The appropriate fee is being charged via EFS-Web. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-3739.

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